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Sir:

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, rejecting claims 1-35, 46-54, and 96-105 of the above-referenced patent application. The cited references are Plenefisch, et al., *Mol. Biochem. Parasitol.*, 105:223-236 (2000); Britton, et al., *Mol. Biochem. Parasitol.*, 103:171-181 (1999); Miller, DM, et al., *Biotechniques*, 26:914-921 (1999), and Signor, D., et al., *Molecular Biology of the Cell*, 10:345-360 (1999). The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on p. 2 this paper. As indicated there, please cancel claims 14, 36-45, and 54-105, please amend claims 1, 3, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 46, and please add new claims 106-142. No new matter is added by the amendments.

Remarks begin on p. 14 of this paper.

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